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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Commission

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**SUBJECT:** MUR 6993 (Van Hollen for Senate) - Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation Agreement

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On October 18, 2016, the Commission found reason to believe that Van Hollen for Senate ("Committee") violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.15 by using contributor information from disclosure reports filed by a political committee, EMILY's List, to solicit contributions by means of a letter and a solicitation envelope.<sup>1</sup> The Commission also authorized pre-probable cause conciliation and approved a proposed conciliation agreement.<sup>2</sup> We are attaching a negotiated conciliation agreement that has been signed by the treasurer of the Committee, and a redlined version of that agreement.<sup>3</sup> We recommend that the Commission accept the revised agreement and close the file in this matter.

<sup>1</sup> See Certification, MUR 6993 (Oct. 21, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> See Certification, MUR 6993 (Nov. 17, 2016).

<sup>3</sup> Attachments 1 and 2.

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16 We believe that this negotiated settlement represents an acceptable resolution of this  
17 matter. We therefore recommend that the Commission accept the signed conciliation agreement  
18 with the Committee and close the file.  
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20 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**  
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- 22 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Van Hollen for Senate and Stacey  
23 Maud in her official capacity as treasurer;  
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25 2. Approve the appropriate letter; and  
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27 3. Close the file.  
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